

ALLEN SOUNDS WARNING OF CO. DEFICIT

A warning that the county faces a budget deficit of \$1,747,000 for aged aid cases as a result of liberalization of the old age security law and that the county may be obliged to register warrants unless the deficit can be made up by extensive economies was given to the board of supervisors Tuesday by Wayne Allen, Chief Administrative officer.

Allen declared that there are now 5,300 applications for aged aid pending in the Department of Charities and that the case load is expected to increase at the rate of 830 cases a month for the balance of the fiscal year. "At the time the budget was adopted in July there were 53,000 aged-aid cases in this county, but because an increase was anticipated budget provision was made for a gradually increasing case load starting at 57,353," Allen declared.

Intensify Economies
The flood of applications has been so great, however, that this estimate is shown to have been inadequate. This increase was caused mainly by the action of the state legislature in repealing the section requiring the signing of property agreements by aged aid applicants.

"Because the state legislature in effecting these liberalizing features provided no additional finance to relieve the tremendous tax burden which has been imposed on the common property taxpayer the counties of the state are faced with the necessity of making up the added burden by economies.

"This means that the rigid economy program now being predicated by the board of supervisors must be even further intensified, for if the shortage in aged aid funds cannot be made up from savings in other services the issuance of registered warrants may become a necessity."

Townsend Club Activities

By Vernon F. Glidden

The good cheer and happiness of the Christmas season pervades the air at our meeting place where plans are being made for a fine social time the evening of Dec. 20.

But while we plan for this occasion and rejoice in the fact that we are free to carry on without fear of interference, we are conscious of peoples across the sea to whom this Christmas brings sorrow and suffering we can hardly imagine.

May that realization bring to each and every one of us a deeper sense of appreciation of the blessings we enjoy as citizens of a free America and a greater determination to make them secure for the future.

Friday evening, Dec. 13, we elect new officers. All members are urged to be present. Many of our members report very enjoyable visits to other clubs in the surrounding territory.

Briney Heads S.P. Royal Arch Masons

Perry G. Briney, San Pedro attorney, was elected high priest of San Pedro Chapter No. 89, Royal Arch Masons at the annual election of officers held in Point Fermin Masonic temple Monday night.

Briney, who formerly served as city attorney of Torrance before coming to San Pedro, has been active in Royal Arch Masonic work for a number of years.

The average amount of salt in sea water is 3 1/2 percent.

In 1st U. S. Casualty of Sea War



These men, shown at Apollo Bay, Victoria, in Australia, are survivors of first American casualty of the sea war. They're the crew members of the freighter City of Bayville, sunk off Australian coast by "enemy action," according to Australian Naval Intelligence Service. One man was killed, but 37 others escaped.

Christy's New Cafe to Open Here Tomorrow

Spick and span and glowing with new paint, new equipment thruout, Christy's cafe on Marcellina avenue directly across from the postoffice was prepared to open its doors to the public for the first time tomorrow. But with all of its shining newness, the eating place will continue to feature the same excellent foods that made Christy's one of the most popular refreshment places in the city at the corner of Marcellina and Sartori avenue for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Christensen are beginning their 12th year of service to the community in their new establishment. They have installed the latest equipment available for modern cafes and from the store room to the front door, the cafe is a model of efficient arrangement.

Built of concrete and brick, the building's exterior and interior follows an authentic Colonial motif. The fountain counter will accommodate 18 persons and 48 more can be seated in booths. Then there is a mezzanine floor providing accommodations for private parties up to 100.

The warm tones of the walls are carried out in the colors of the furnishings, lighting is of the fluorescent type and everything possible has been done to provide the utmost in comfort for Christy's patrons. The area behind one of the many-paned front windows has been enclosed for the firm's own ice cream plant.

The entire establishment represents an investment of more than \$20,000, Christensen said today. Within a short time a parking area will be completed at the rear of the property, large enough to accommodate more than 50 cars.

Pontiac Production at New High Last Week

Pontiac production hit a new high mark last week with a total of 8,376 cars turned out during the six day period, according to H. I. Lang, of Torrance Motors, local Pontiac dealers. This sets a record for 1940 and is the highest single week's production since 1928.

Pontiac is working at a capacity rate in an effort to cut down on the number of unfilled orders and give buyers all over the country more prompt delivery.

The first electric utility company in the nation was founded in San Francisco in 1878.

State Government Cost Up 45 Percent in Five Years, Riley Says

State Controller Harry B. Riley announced today that the cost of state government in California has increased 45 percent in the last five years. Expenditures for the year which ended last June 30 totaled \$289,823,242, Riley said, an increase of 3.77 percent over those for 1938-39.

The \$10,538,945 increase in the past year resulted largely from unemployment relief. Other factors were larger expenditures for education, bond redemption, "in lieu" tax, apportionment, needy aged aid and interest on registered warrants.

No Duplications of Styles in This Area

Mrs. Iola Liddell is agent for Maisonette Frocks for this vicinity and she has complete information about the attractive line of dresses at her home, 1118 Sartori avenue. A feature of these modish dresses is that no duplication of styles and design are sold in a community. Once a style is purchased in this locality, Mrs. Liddell says it is never sold again to another person. She also handles the popular Lockwoven hose for women.

Gowns and hoods worn by college graduates were standardized in 1894 following much confusion in academic usage.

Swedes to Present Traditional "Lucia" Festival on Dec. 14

The traditional "Lucia" Festival, celebrated by the Swedish colony of Los Angeles for many years, will be held in the North Star Auditorium, 1631 West Adams Blvd., Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8 p. m. This festival has been arranged under the auspices of the Swedish Central Committee, which represents the Swedish organizations in Los Angeles county.

A varied program has been arranged, the main feature of which is a pageant represented by the fairest Swedish girls in Los Angeles, and "Lucia" to be personified by Miss Vivian Starner. The

program will be climaxed by a dance. Many of the participants will be dressed in national costume. Music to be furnished by Holmlund's orchestra.

Vitamins A, B, C, D, and E are all found in milk.

RATS AND CATS
Rats brought to Bermuda by ships in the 17th century soon became such a nuisance that cats were imported. Now the cats have multiplied so rapidly that to many persons they are a plague.

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Assemblyman Seeks Return of Car Tests

Two resolutions proposed by Attorney John Shidler for the use of Assemblyman-elect Vincent Thomas at Sacramento were read to the city council Tuesday night and one, advocating the return of motor vehicle license tests locally, was adopted.

The second measure, to permit Torrance Memorial hospital to keep narcotics in stock for emergency use, was held over until the next council meeting in order to get the opinion of local doctors, Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, hospital superintendent, and Shidler.

The resolution stated that at the present time narcotics cannot be kept at the hospital and this was most inconvenient and a handicap in the case of an emergency.

Bill Allows Drugs
The drugs can only be obtained from local licensed pharmacists and administered under physicians' supervision. Assemblyman Thomas has written a bill to correct this situation for hospitals of sixth class cities too small to retain a registered pharmacist on duty.

In regard to the return of motor vehicle license tests, Police Chief John Stroh told the council that he believed if enough pressure was brought to bear on the State Department of Motor Vehicles, the examinations can be given local at least one day a week. At the present time motorists must go to Hawthorne, Inglewood, Long Beach or Los Angeles to take tests.

Assemblyman Thomas stated in his resolution that it would be brought to the attention of Chief Cato of the State Highway Patrol and Governor Olson.

City Accepts County Offer to Sell Lots for Park Purpose

Torrance city officials have accepted the county's counter-proposal to sell nine parcels of land in West Torrance for \$15 per lot, it was announced at city council session Tuesday night.

The city had offered to buy the tax-delinquent land, for development into a park, for \$1 per lot but the county wanted \$15.

DAINTY DISH
The Greenland Eskimo's daintiest dish is the raw breast of a little bird called the dovdik which fills the sky in flocks during the northern migrations.

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- CHENILLE ROBES, with zippers . . . Special \$2.98
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- Boys' KAYNE SPORT SHIRTS . . . \$1.00
- Boys' PARIS SUSPENDERS . . . 50c
- Boys' COOPER JOCKEY SHORTS . . . 35c
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